

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, the Examiner has required that the Applicants elect one of ten patentably distinct claim groups:

- Group I (Claims 1-21);
- Group II (Claims 22-37);
- Group III (Claims 38-42);
- Group IV (Claims 43-44);
- Group V (Claim 45);
- Group VI (Claim 46);
- Group VII (Claim 47);
- Group VIII (Claim 48);
- Group IX (Claim 49); and
- Group X (Claim 50).

In addition, the Examiner has required that the Applicants elect a single compound or species within the elected Group.

I. Election and Designation of Generic Claim

As required under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group III (claims 38-42) on the merits. Within Group III, the Applicants believe that claim 38 is the generic claim and request that it be designated as such. The Applicants further elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species represented by claim 39 in the present application. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to rejoin the nonelected species of Group III in the event that the generic claim is allowed and to prosecute any and all withdrawn claims in one or more divisional applications.

II. Change of Address and Power of Attorney

The Applicants respectfully request that the correspondence address for this application be changed to:

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A Change of Correspondence address/Power of Attorney, Revocation of Power of Attorney, and Assignee statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) will be filed shortly.

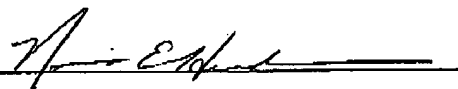
Should there remain any unresolved issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Norma E. Henderson, Applicants' Attorney, at 603-225-4334, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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